

Term 4 Week 11

19th December 2013**WHALER NO 19**Website: www.mosman-p.schools.nsw.edu.auEmail: mosman-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

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Dates to Remember

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
Wk 11	16	17 Yr 6 Presentation Assembly and Dinner	18 Last day of term for all students	Students go on holiday. Teachers Professional Learning Days	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

Congratulation K-2 children and teachers for a beautiful Christmas Concert.

The costumes were fabulous (thank you parents) and the singing and dancing really lively and lovely!

Special thanks to Brenna Macdonald for her brilliant organisation and choreography.

The Year 6 **Farewell Dinner Dance** held on Tuesday evening was very enjoyable; everyone had a great time with excellent food and superb decorations in the hall. **Special thanks to the Year 5 parents** who did such a fabulous job to make the night so special.

A **reminder** that all children should be wearing **black sport shoes and white ankle socks** as part of their school uniform, please bear this in mind when shopping over the holidays.

Sadly, this is my final Whaler! Again I would like to thank you all for my wonderful, and very emotional farewell Morning Tea. It was fabulous to see so many people there, both present and past parents, students and teachers. Later in the day, an amazing K-6 Assembly was held in the beautifully decorated Myahgah COLA with a specially written (by Barbara Tauber) version of the school song. The finale of the lovely K-2 Christmas Concert was also very heart-rending, with all of our youngest children singing a special song for me, written and accompanied by Scott Bagnall. To cap it all, I was presented with a Graduation Medal at the Year 6 Farewell Assembly – what a way to go! Special thanks to all who have given me lovely gifts and written beautiful cards and emails, I feel very, very humbled by the outpouring of love and respect from everyone.

A very big thank you to all who have given me so much support over so many years – parents, teachers, community and above all, the wonderful children of MPS. I have had the time of my life in the best school, I will truly miss you all.

Best Wishes for a Happy Christmas and a safe school holiday.

Kate Cooper

Next year, Mosman Public School has decided to do online ordering for textbooks which will make the process of purchasing easier for families.

Please see last page for ordering procedures.



Thank you to all families for their wonderful generosity to the Smith Family Christmas appeal.

Performing Arts End of Year Wrap

The Performing Arts (PA) groups all had a wonderful year, culminating in the farewell Morning Tea and Assembly held on Monday for Mrs Cooper. Kate's devotion to the PA over her years as Principal has put Mosman Public School in an excellent position to continue to offer students the opportunity to sing, dance, act and play an instrument within school time at an affordable cost. Each group had several opportunities to perform during the year both at school and at the many events and festivals we attended. We could not finish 2013 without saying a very big thank you to Kate Cooper.



We'd also like to farewell all the Year 6 students and wish them luck in their musical pursuits. One student in particular may have a career in conducting ahead of her.



Farewell also to Brad Madigan who has taught and entertained students at MPS for many years. His farewell party on Wednesday will hopefully leave many fond memories for all. Good luck in Tasmania Brad, and please come back and visit us when you are in Sydney.



We'd like to welcome over 40 Year 3 students who commenced learning an instrument in Term 4 and who have already had their first rehearsal with our new Junior Band Conductor – Debbie English. These students will form the 2014 Junior Band (JB) and already sound pretty good. Thanks to Pia Kostinen for taking on the role of JB Coordinator. Parents, don't forget Monday's rehearsal. Kids set your alarms early for a 7.15am start!

Finally some reminders for next year:-

- All Instrumental Group rehearsals will commence in Week 2.
- Performance Band rehearse on Tuesday from 7.30am.
- Junior Band rehearse on Wednesday from 7.15am.
- Junior Strings (in the Music Room) and Senior Strings (in the Hall) rehearse on Thursday from 7.30am.
- Auditions for Year 5 and Year 6 in Dance and Drama will take place early in Term 1.
- Auditions for Choirs will take place early in Term 1.
- Anyone interested in joining the Performing Arts Committee via the paid part time role of Band Administrator (Ad already emailed), should have applications in by the end of January.

We hope all those who have had children involved in the PA have enjoyed the many benefits it has offered, not the least of which is to see the confidence performing gives our children. Thanks to all the tutors, conductors and Barbara Tauber for their devotion during the year. We wish you a safe and Merry Christmas and a relaxing holiday break.

Mosman Public School Performing Arts Committee - Tracy Miles, Charmion Rowe, Tina Skidmore, Nina Harrison, Isobel Kerridge, Kate Crowe, Yasmin Grover, Kate Robinson, Pia Kostinen and Barbara Tauber.

P&C NEWS

Uniform shop news

Uniform shop opening hours for Term 1, 2014

The shop will be open from **9.00 am to 3.00 pm** on **Tuesday 28th** and **Wednesday 29th January 2014**. After that, normal hours will resume for the rest of the term:

Monday afternoons	2.00 – 3.30 pm
Wednesday mornings	8.30 – 10.00 am

Farewell to the baseball cap

Baseball caps are no longer sold by the MPS uniform shop and from Term 1, 2014 are no longer part of our official uniform. We have fabulous bucket and surf hats for the kids to choose from, so remember to come on into the shop and upgrade their hat for the new year.

Second-hand uniform

Second-hand items of uniform are for sale at the shop for \$5 each and we are grateful to receive any donations of used uniform (apart from hats, socks and shoes). You can drop donations into the shop during opening hours or leave them at the office for me to collect.

We're always on the lookout for new volunteers

Fancy getting in on the action in 2014? If you feel you could use an hour of life in the fast lane once in a while, come volunteer at the shop one day a term. Guaranteed to be hectic and heaps of fun. Your kids will love seeing you behind the desk! Just contact me on uniform@mosmanpublicpandc.org.au

Thank you!

Sarah Kirwan, Uniform Shop Coordinator
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NOTICE TO PARENTS ONLINE TEXTBOOK SALE FOR MOSMAN PUBLIC SCHOOL 2014

**When: Wednesday 18th December 2013 to
Monday 3rd February 2014**

How: Please go to the LJ Harper website www.ljharper.com.au/mosman
Then simply follow the instructions below.

Cost:	Kindergarten	\$ 122.45
	Year 1	\$ 129.20
	Year 2	\$ 131.77
	Year 3	\$ 137.17
	Year 4	\$ 94.52
	Year 5	\$ 114.70
	Year 6	\$ 89.75
	New student pack 1-2	\$ 35.40
	New Student pack 3-6	\$ 70.35

L J HARPER ONLINE ORDERING PROCESS

Once you have made a decision on purchasing online with L.J Harper, we will create a unique web address for your school.

Step 1: Visit www.ljharper.com.au/Mosman
You will see a list of each grade's book packs.

Step 2: Click "Add to Cart" for the pack you wish to purchase

Step 3: Click "Proceed to Checkout". If you have another child to purchase for in another grade you can go back to the www.ljharper.com.au/Mosman page and follow steps 2 to 4 again.

Step 4: Once you have completed your shopping cart click "Proceed to Checkout" where you will be taken to a secure checkout page. At this point you select to Checkout as a Guest. Once you have done so, click "Continue"

Step 5: You will be asked to fill out your billing details. Here you can enter your Child/Children's Names and Grades. Once this is done, tick the box marked "I Also want to ship to this address" (All orders will be shipped to the school regardless) Click Bill & Ship to this Address.

Step 6: Select the shipping method "Free Shipping" and click Continue

Step 7: Check your order confirmation and then click "Credit Card Payment (Visa / MasterCard)" then Agree to the terms and conditions and click Proceed to Payment

Step 8: Fill in your card details on the next screen and click "Pay for Order"

You should receive a receipt in your selected email address from the details entered in Step 5.

All purchases will be delivered to the school individually packaged in the last week of January.

This signals the completion of the Online Ordering Process.